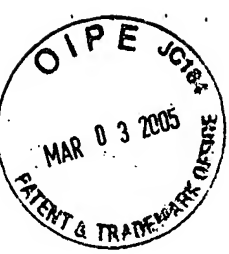


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above identified patent application:
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Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Rejection mailed September 23, 2004, the Applicants request reconsideration of their Application in light of the following Amendments and Remarks.